Time line

2001 Supreme Court did not permit any exceptions for medical cannabis

2004 Montana voters approved a medical cannabis initiative. Vermont's legislature passed medical cannabis legislation

2005 United States Supreme Court ruled that the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution allowed the federal government to ban the use of cannabis, including medical use

2006 Rhode Island legislature passed medical cannabis legislation

2007 New Mexico legislature passed medical cannabis legislation

2008 Michigan voters approve medical cannabis initiative. Massachusetts voters approve a cannabis decriminalization imitative

2010 Arizona voters approve medical cannabis initiative for the third time since 1996. District of Columbia City Council passed medical cannabis legislation. New Jersey legislature passed medical cannabis legislation. Voters in California narrowly defeat a cannabis legalization initiative

1600 North America was the first to have signs of hemp

1750-1799 George Washington was the first president to grow Hemp on his farm

1800 Marijuana also known as cannabis ingredients in medicine and was sold at Pharmacies

1910 Mexicans immigrated to the U.S and brought the use of recreational cannabis use

1925 Except for the authorized medical and scientific purpose, Indian hemp was banned

1937 Excluding medical and industrial uses, marijuana tax act of 1937 made transfer and possession of cannabis illegal throughout the United States under federal law

1956 The narcotics control act made the first time cannabis possession offense a minimum of two to ten years with a fine of 20,000 dollars

1970 The law enacted the regulates the prescribing and dispending of psychoactive drugs. The law classifies cannabis as having high potential of abuse, no medical use, and not safe to use under medical supervision

1996 The Compassionate Act of 1996 was passed legalizing marijuana in California